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For: CARTRIDGE STYLE FLUID DYNAMIC
BEARING WITH CONICAL OR SPHERICAL
BEARING ELEMENTS

Examiner: T. Hannon

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 5, 2004 (Paper No. 20041103), for which a response is due on February 5, 2005, which falls on a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and includes the attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.